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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Currently claims 1, 2, 5 - 11, 13 - 16, 18 - 21, 23 and 24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 15, 16, 18 - 20 and 24 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 12, 17, 22 and 25 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 4 - 10, 14, 16, 18 - 20 and 23 have been rejected as allegedly anticipated by LaConte et al. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are not anticipated by LaConte. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a dead bolt positioned within a guide moveable out of the guide between an unlocked position and a retracted position within the guide wherein the deadbolt assembly includes a cam directly connected to the dead bolt for moving the dead bolt between the unlocked and locked positions. Claim 16 similarly has been amended to include the guide and the direct connection for the cam.

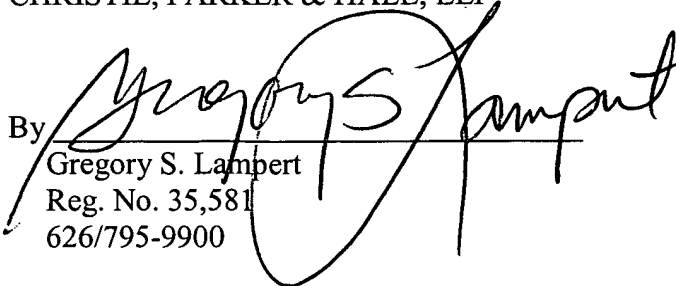
It is respectfully submitted that LaConte et al. does not disclose the claimed deadbolt positioned within a guide or the cam directly connected to the deadbolt and therefore the claimed invention is not anticipated.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and, according, early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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